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SUBJ: EXCHANGES TALKS-SESSION FOUR

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1. DCM, ACCOMPANIED BY SCIENCE OFFICER AND P&C OFFICER, MET WITH MFA AND FMTID REPRESENTATIVES MORNING APRIL 5 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PORTION OF EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE LED BY SIXTH DEPARTMENT CHIEF ZANTOVSKY.

2. ZANTOVSKY PRESENTED RATIONALE FOR CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT ARTICLES 4 AND 5, ARGUING (IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE 4) THAT BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE HANDLED BY FMTID AND IMPLYING THAT US SHOULD IDENTIFY CORRESPONDING AGENCY ON ITS SIDE. DCM REPLIED THAT NO PRECISE COUNTERPART TO FMTID EXISTS IN US, AND WE WOULD THEREFORE NOT FILL IN THE BLANK SPACE IN CZECHOSLOVAK ARTICLE 4, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE DESIGNATING FMTID IF IT SO DESIRED SINCE, HOWEVER, FMTID OBVIOUSLY ANGLING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A

DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH NSF, DCM CALLED ZANTOVSKY ATTENTION TO US DRAFT ARTICLE III.2, WHICH COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH RELATIONSHIP WHERE APPROPRIATE.

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3. ZANTOVSKY PUSHED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT JOINT COMMISSION

(CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT ARTICLE 5) WHICH WOULD HAVE CO-CHAIRMEN, SECRETARIES, WORKING GROUPS, AND SO FORTH, CLAIMING THAT SUCH COMMISSION WOULD ASSURE ORDERLY MUTUAL CONSULTATIONS BY "SPECIALISTS" ON BOTH SIDES. DCM NOTED THAT US DID NOT SEE NECESSITY OR DESIRABILITY FOR SUCH JOINT COMMISSION BECAUSE OF WAY IN WHICH US SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL COMMUNITY IS ORGANIZED. WE EXPECT THAT IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE AGREED IN MEETINGS OF EXPERTS, BUT WOULD HAVE NO PRACTICAL WAY OF DESIGNATING A PERMANENT "COMMITTEE" OR "CHAIRMAN" ON US SIDE. THEREFORE WE WOULD NOT ACCEPT PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMMISSION. ZANTOVSKY EMPHASIZED THAT CZECHOSLOVAK DESIRE FOR JOINT COMMISSION WAS BASED ON NECESSITY FOR MAINTAINING CONTINUITY IN COMMUNICATIONS AND POINTS OF REFERENCE. DCM REITERATED THAT CONTINUITY IS POSSIBLE UNDER ARRANGEMENTS WE HAD IN MIND.

4. DCM SUGGESTED TURNING TO DISCUSSION OF CONTENT OF AGREEMENT ACTIVITIES AND DEFINITION OF SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES TO BE COVERED. IN THIS CONTEXT, DCM NOTED SUBSTANTIAL IDENTITY OF ITEMS LISTED IN CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT ARTICLE 3 AND US DRAFT ARTICLE 2. EXCEPTING CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT ARTICLE 2.F(RE JOINT COMMISSION), WHOSE SUBSTANCE COVERED BY US DRAFT ARTICLE VII, ONLY CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT ARTICLE 3.C EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON PATENTS AND LICENSES) DID NOT HAVE COUNTERPART IN US DRAFT. ZANTOVSKY NOTED THAT CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE WISHED TO PROVIDE FOR EXCHANGE OF LISTS OF AVAILABLE

PATENTS AND LICENSES RATHER THAN PATENTS AND LICENSES THEMSELVES. HE NOTED APPRECIATION OF FACT THAT ON US SIDE, LICENSING INFORMATION IS PRIMARILY A COMMERCIAL MATTER, WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS POINT; ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT EXCHANGE OF LICENSE INFORMATION MIGHT MORE PROPERLY BE PROVIDED FOR IN A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT, WE FEEL THAT INCLUSION OF THIS POINT IN EXCHANGES AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE INIMICAL TO OUR OVERALL OBJECTIVES (TRADE PROMOTION AS WELL AS TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES)

IN US-CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS.

5. WE DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS PENDING RECEIPT BY EMBASSY OF LETTER CITED AT END OF REFTEL PARA 5.

6. MEETING WAS CORIDAL AND INFORMAL, SHOWING PROMISE OF FURTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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